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FISH MARKETING CONDITIONS FORECAST IN OUTLOOK REPORT

A generally favorable period for the marketing of fishery products during the remainder of 1950 is forecast in the quarterly outlook report released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service's Branch of Commercial Fisheries.

Supplies of fishery products will be abundant--among them frozen shrimp, canned tuna, Maine sardines, cod fillets, and whitefish. With plentiful supplies of other foods--particularly meats, poultry and eggs, dairy and other agricultural products--this will have a restraining effect on price levels, which might otherwise rise sharply as a result of greater purchasing power among consumers.

Among fishery products which will not be in good supply are canned salmon, and pollock fillets, croakers, and a few other fresh and frozen items.

The outlook report cites specific business conditions and market situations in the fishery industry--including regional variations. Some of the factors discussed are: the general economic situation, conditions in the food industry, food prices, and international trade in fishery products. The major part of the publication is devoted to a discussion of the marketing situation of individual fishery products, arranged according to principal areas of production.

Prepared by economist Ralph Russell, of the FWS Branch of Commercial Fisheries, the marketing forecast is seventh in a series of such quarterly reports.

Copies of the Quarterly Outlook for Marketing Fishery Products, October-December, 1950, Fishery Leaflet 336f, can be obtained from the Division of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.

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